445 Southington Road

1764

Samuel Hart (1761-1835) and Mary Wilcox (1772-1850)

1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses.

Old part 1764 Samuel Hart current owner: Mrs. S.M. Cowles & E.S. Lyman

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 156

1764 Samuel Hart current owner: Helen & Theodore Hrubiec

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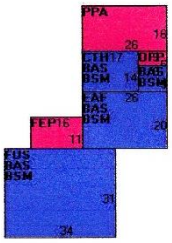
1764 current owner: Theodore & Mary Hrubiec

Sketch




Genealogy

Samuel Hart (1761-1835), son of Samuel Hart and Rebecca Norton, half brother to Emma Hart Willard. He married Mary Wilcox (1772-1850) and they had 3 children: Cyrus, Anna, and Samiel. He was a Revolutionary War soldier, a Captain, and a State Senator. They are buried in the Blue Hills (South Cemetery)

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| Town No.: | Site No.: |
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| DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR | IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential |

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) | (Historic) Samuel Hart House

2. TOWN CITY: Berlin | VILLAGE: | COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 445 Southington Road | 19-1/15/3

4. OWNER(S): Theodore S. & Hrubiec, Helen M. | 421 Southington Road Kensington 06037 | ☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present): Residence | (Historic): Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Vernacular with Federal-period alterations | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1764

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
☒ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☒ Cut stone Type: Brownstone coursed ashlar foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other (Specify)

10. ROOF (Type)
☐ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☒ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)

(Material)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 35' x 32'

12. CONDITION (Structural) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations) ☒ Yes ☐ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN: c.1800 hip roof

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☒ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☒ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☐ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
In an area of Southington Road with a scattering of 18th-century houses.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The Samuel Hart House has a five-bay facade with a central entry under a modern portico on square posts. The six-paneled entry door is old if not original. Windows have plain board surrounds and are fitted with old 6-over-6 sash. Facade windows are paired and offset towards the corners of the house; second-floor windows on all elevations are located immediately under the eaves. The house has beaded corner boards. There is an overhang at the second floor and a course of small dentils under the cornice of the hip roof. There are a number of old and later extensions to the rear.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Architecturally, the Samuel Hart House is significant as a relatively well-preserved 18th-century house with extensive early-19th-century modifications. The symmetrical five-bay facade, hewn overhangs, paired offset windows, the location of the second-floor windows under the eaves, beaded corner boards, and the orientation of the long axis parallel to the road are all typical 18th-century features. The hip roof and delicate dentil course are probably c. 1800 modifications, showing the influence of Federal-style architectural ideas.

This house is said to have been built by Samuel Hart, who was born in 1738. A captain in the local militia, Hart was known as a great reader. He was also evidently something of a religious dissident, withdrawing from the Second Congregational Church in 1807 after a theological dispute.

SOURCES

North, pp. 60-62
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS